Epidemic in Tamil Nadu

2935. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases have been reported concerning Diarrhoea, Cholera, etc. which have taken the form of epidemic in Tamil Nadu during last year;

(b) whether Government have taken note of such a sorry state of affairs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the role played by his Ministry in assisting the States in controlling Diarrhoea, Cholera etc. in Tamil Nadu for the past five years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (d) The details regarding incidence of Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases and Cholera during the last five years in Tamil Nadu are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

All the district level officers and Executive authorities of local bodies have been asked by the State to take necessary preventive measures including proper disposal of solid waste and maintain sanitation and hygiene, chlorinate all water sources and undertake fly control measures. Administration of Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) has been popularized through Health Education. Even though the incidence are high the Case Fatality rate is low due to effective preventive and control measures taken by the field Public Health Staff.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched a pilot programme called the National Surveillance Programme of Communicable Diseases (NSPCD), which is under implementation in the country for strengthening the disease surveillance system so that early warning signals of outbreaks are recognized and appropriate follow-up action is initiated. The programme is being implemented through the existing health infrastructure and surveillance system involving training of medical and para-medical personnel, upgradation of laboratories, and improvement in communication system. The

programme is currently being implemented in 100 districts. National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi is the nodal agency for implementation of this Programme in the country.

A proposal for a comprehensive National Programme for Control of Water Borne Diseases for implementation by the National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi under the Tenth Five Year Plan has been sent to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Statement

Incidence of Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases Cholera in Tamil Nadu

Year	Acute Diarrhoeal Disease			Cholera		
	Cases	Deaths	CFR	Cases	Deaths	CFR
1997	78025	520	0.67	2261	2	0.09
1998	77677	368	0.47	1807	0	0.00
1999	74583	268	0.36	1807	1	0.06
2000	64130	195	0.30	1328	1	0.08
2001	59511	159	0.27	1110	1	0.09

CFR-Case Fatality Rate.

Regulation of medical termination of pregnancy

2936. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to regulate medical termination of pregnancy especially against illegal and unauthorized abortion; and

(b) if so, the action taken to ban untrained persons from performing abortions especially in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 1971 is already in force in the country. The Act provides for termination of certain pregnancies only by registered Medical Practitioners as defined in the